

Carbon County Quality Improvement Committee

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Dash Board Items:	Staff Retention and Recognition	October 14, 2008	Caseworkers were invited and attended the Immersion experience where we had staff on the panel, and recognized their hard work. Part of the planned goals of the immersion experience was to assist with the relationship between foster parents and DCFS, and help each understand the challenges and needs of both.
	Youth Forum/Dealing wit Adolescent Foster Children and Communication with Adults	October 16, 2008 – Final preparations were put on the night which was scheduled for November 18, 2008. November 18, 2008 – First session held. Mayor was in attendance with many other community members. Only three students showed up. Feedback was good, and plans are in place to have other meetings with the students. Goals were identified.	Schedule February meeting. Identify a group of kids who can consistently attend.
	Placement Stability/Substance Abuse	October 14, 2008 – Immersion Experience held. This immersion was held for foster parents to work on relationship and recruitment issues and come up with action plan for placement stability. October 16, 2008 – Strengths/Needs assessment was conducted regarding this night. Discussion regarding new ways that caseworkers and foster parents can work together. Some of the things that the foster parents requested was daycare payments, a shelter, and respite. Discussion was also held regarding using the ASI tool to come up with a UA protocol and provide this to the Director of Eastern Region.	Follow up on ASI and UA schedule
	Foster Parent Retention and Stability	October 14, 2008 This immersion was held for foster parents to work on relationship and recruitment issues and come up with action	

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Public Relations:		October – Foster Parent Immersion' Foster Care Foundation put advertisement in Carbon/Emery Papers November – Youth Forum November 20 - Local Businessman was invited to attend and brainstorm with committee on how to assist with employing clients and the UA issues. Discussion took up majority of meeting and was very productive. Some of the challenges that he identified is that with the economy is such dire straights at this time, those employed are staying employed and there is not as much movement. Also, companies are downsizing. With this as an issue, employers are not as willing to take a “chance” with an employee who might or might not work. Good information received and some ideas were generated which will be discussed at later meetings.	
Studies:		“Hitting the Mark” Article on foster care payments was distributed Effectiveness of UA's Clients who were invited to discuss UA's did not show up. Will reschedule for new year.	
Data Reviewed:		October: Comparison of payment for children in foster care in Utah vs. other states.	

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		August: DV annual report Kinship stability UA costs September: UA information	
Other Business:		Local businessman attended November meeting to discuss UA issues. 3 members of QIC attended the summit in SLC in November along with 2 DCFS employees that regularly attend.	